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## Voyageurs National Park News Release

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### VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK PUBLISHES JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

Voyageurs National Park's Junior Ranger program has reached new heights. The park received a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Unilever Company, a Proud Partner of America's National Parks and a National Corporate Partner of the Junior Ranger Program to develop new programs. The grant was matched with funds from the Friends of Voyageurs National Park and Voyageurs National Park Association and supported by Lake States Interpretive Association.

The grant allowed the park to develop and publish booklets for the Junior Ranger Bear Club (ages 9 and up) and Junior Ranger Wolf Club (ages 6 – 8) programs. Participation in the Junior Ranger program is free. Program development started in 2005 and continued through 2007. "It has been an exciting and rewarding experience," said Park Ranger Tawnya Schoewe.

The newest Junior Rangers in town are the children in Mr. Prettyman's 5th grade class at Falls Elementary. The children were asked to do the activities and then tell Ranger Tawnya what they did and did not like. After giving their input, these children became official Voyageurs National Park Junior Rangers. Ranger Tawnya used the students' feedback to make the activities even more child- friendly. The park thanks Mr. Prettyman's 5th grade class for testing the activities.

Voyageurs National Park is hosting a special "Junior Ranger Day" on Saturday, April 21, 2007 as part of the park's annual National Park Week festivities. The park will offer special programs from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Kids will have the opportunity to complete the new Junior Ranger Wolf Club or Bear Club program and receive a Junior Ranger badge and certificate. The new junior ranger booklets will be available at all three park visitor centers this summer, and at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center all year. A Junior Ranger program for visitors aged 5 & under is in the works.

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